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Public Act No. 14-148

AN ACT CONCERNING CARE COORDINATION FOR CHRONIC DISEASE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2014) (a) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Lieutenant Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor's designee, and local and regional health departments, shall, within available resources, develop a plan that is consistent with the Department of Public Health's Healthy Connecticut 2020 health improvement plan and the state healthcare innovation plan developed pursuant to the State Innovation Model Initiative by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center. The commissioner shall develop and implement such plan to: (1) Reduce the incidence of chronic disease, including, but not limited to, chronic cardiovascular disease, cancer, lupus, stroke, chronic lung disease, diabetes, arthritis or another chronic metabolic disease and the effects of behavioral health disorders; (2) improve chronic disease care coordination in the state; and (3) reduce the incidence and effects of chronic disease and improve outcomes for conditions associated with chronic disease in the state.

(b) The commissioner shall, on or before January 15, 2015, and biennially thereafter, submit a report, in consultation with the

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Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor's designee, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning chronic disease and implementation of the plan described in subsection (a) of this section. The commissioner shall post each report on the Department of Public Health's Internet web site not later than thirty day after submitting such report. Each report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) A description of the chronic diseases that are most likely to cause a person's death or disability, the approximate number of persons affected by such chronic diseases and an assessment of the financial effects of each such disease on the state and on hospitals and health care facilities; (2) a description and assessment of programs and actions that have been implemented by the department and health care providers to improve chronic disease care coordination and prevent chronic disease; (3) the sources and amounts of funding received by the department to treat persons with multiple chronic diseases and to treat or reduce the most prevalent chronic diseases in the state; (4) a description of chronic disease care coordination between the department and health care providers, to prevent and treat chronic disease; and (5) recommendations concerning actions that health care providers and persons with chronic disease may take to reduce the incidence and effects of chronic disease.

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